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**THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH: ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PRESIDENCY AND THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

Read each of the questions on the front of this sheet, and match the correct answers (letters A – E) to the appropriate questions. One question will have two correct answer choices.

**How does the Constitution of the United States define and limit executive power?**

**How are the President and Vice President elected?**

**THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

**ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS**

**How does the executive branch participate in the system of checks and balances?**

**How is the executive branch organized to carry out the responsibilities of the office?**

A. The President has the ability to appoint ambassadors, judges, and high officials in the government – but only with Congressional approval.

B. The President has the power to veto laws passed by the Congress.

C. The Electoral College is used to elect the President of the United States. Surprisingly, it is possible for a candidate to lose the overall popular vote, but to win the Electoral College nevertheless.

D. In order for acts to become laws, the President must sign the legislation. He or she can also issue executive orders by virtue of the President’s role as commander in chief. However, if the President commits a crime, he may be impeached by the Congress; moreover, if any of the executive orders he issues or laws he signs are unconstitutional, the Supreme Court can declare the law invalid.

E. Article Two of the Constitution defines the powers and limits of power of the President of the United States.

**Skim through pages 142 – 145 in your textbook. How does the Constitution of the United States define and limit executive power? Give at least five (5) examples of powers which are granted to the President in the Constitution. Then, list at least five (5) powers of the President which are limited by the Congress, which must approve of the executive’s decision.**

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